

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figure 3. This sheet, which includes Figure 3, replaces the original sheet including Figure 3.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the preceding amendments and following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 7-8, 10, and 13-40 are pending in this application. Claims 1-4, 7-8, 10, and 13-18 are amended. Claims 5-6, 9, and 11-12 have been cancelled. Claims 19-30 are newly added. Claims 1 and 15-18 are the independent claims.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's acknowledgement that certified copies of all priority documents have been received by the U.S.P.T.O. Action, summary at 12.

Specification

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it does not contain more than 50 words. By this amendment, Applicants have amended the abstract to be within the appropriate word number limits. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this objection to the specification be withdrawn.

Drawing Objection

The drawings are objected to because FIG. 3 discloses "Playback of Moive & Still". Applicants have adopted the suggestion of the Examiner, and have amended FIG. 3 to recite 'Movie' instead of 'Moive'. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 1-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for the reasons detailed below. By this amendment, Applicants have amended claims 1-14 to recite a “computer readable medium” as suggested by the Examiner to overcome the present rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 be withdrawn.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which application regards as the invention. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for the reasons detailed below.

By this amendment, Applicants have amended claim 5 to depend from claim 4, thereby rendering this rejection moot.

The Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the rejection to Claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 be withdrawn.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Ando et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2001/0046371, hereinafter Ando). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for the reasons detailed below.

The Examiner contends that Ando discloses all of the limitations in originally filed claim 1. Even assuming for the sake of argument that the Examiner is correct, Ando does not disclose or suggest any of the newly added limitations to claim 1. In particular, Ando does not disclose or

suggest "a clip information area storing at least one clip information file, each clip information file being associated with at least one stream file stored in a data area, the clip information file providing a map for the associated stream file, each map mapping presentation time information to address information for the associated stream file," as recited in claim 1.

Claims 2-14, dependent upon claim 1, are patentable at least for the reasons stated above with respect to claim 1.

Claims 15-18 have been amended to recite features similar to claim 1, and therefore also believed patentable.

The Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the rejection to Claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks and amendments, the Applicants respectfully submit that each of the pending objections and rejections has been addressed and overcome, placing the present application in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for a one (1) month extension of time for filing a reply to the outstanding Office Action and submit the required \$120.00 extension fee herewith.

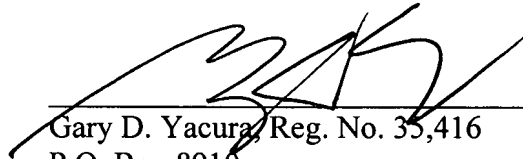
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gary D. Yacura, at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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ABSTRACT

~~The data structure recorded on the recording medium includes a playlist file. The playlist file includes navigation information for reproducing still images and audio data together as a slideshow. A computer readable medium is provided having a data structure for managing reproduction of a slideshow of still images recorded on the computer readable medium. The computer readable medium includes a clip information area and/or a playlist area. The clip information area stores at least one clip information file. Each clip information file is associated with at least one stream file stored in a data area. The clip information file provides a map for the associated stream file. Each map maps presentation time information to address information for the associated stream file. The playlist area stores a playlist file. The playlist file references the clip information file and includes navigation information for reproducing still images and audio data together as a slideshow.~~